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REFLECTIONS ON FEMINIST THEORY AND PRACTICE

Seminar in Women's Studies
(3 credits)

Professor: Suzanne PETERS

Time: Wednesday 18:05-20:10 JANUARY 1986

Place: LOUNGE S de B Institute
Room 101
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HOW HAS CONTEMPORARY FEMINIST THEORY BEEN CONSTRUCTED ?

This course examines contemporary feminist theory from a sociology of knowledge perspective, addressing the situational and ideological dimensions of feminist theorizing since 1965.

- I - The first part of the course will explore the notion that the creation of theory, including feminist self-reflection, can be understood as rooted in particular social conditions, in reaction to conventional theory and in response to prevent policies and crises surrounding women's lives today.
- II - The second part of the course, each student will choose a particular theoretical framework within feminist discourse and begin a survey and critique of its context and social construction. Possible topics include:

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| . Women's health | . Men and masculinity | . Women in politics |
| . Reproduction | . Sexual orientations | . Sexual assault |
| . Childbirth | . Psychology and psychia- | |
| . Mothering | try of women | |
| . Pornography | . Women's image in | |
| | culture | |

- . Female labour force production
- . Women in development

- III - Students will then be asked to consider together the connections and contradictions among the theoretical statements made by feminists today and to examine the consequences of these diverse theories for our more generally held notions of female culture gender relations and a feminist world vision.



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